“The Gift of the Magi” by O’Henry

Pre-reading

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| What is the best (most thoughtful) gift you have ever received? |  |

Guiding/clarifying Questions

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| 1. | What is Jim and Della’s apartment like? What does this show you about their financial situation? |  |
| 2. | What is Della’s prized possession? |  |
| 3. | What is Jim’s prized possession? |  |
| 4. | How was Della able to afford Jim’s gift?  IRONY |  |
| 5. | How was Jim able to afford Della’s gift?  IRONY |  |
| 6. | Were Jim and Della wise about the way their gifts? Explain. |  |